

Svensson leads Lady Braves past Hurricanes

By Matt Smith
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Two goals from UNCP freshman Anna Svensson helped propel the Lady Braves to a 3-0 shutout victory over Georgia Southwestern Oct. 10 at Varsity Grounds.

Svensson's two early goals led a monstrous Black and Gold offensive attack, as the Lady Braves put up a school record 50 shots in the home victory.

The Lady Braves put up 25 shots in both halves to dominate the offensive pace of the game, as the Hurricanes managed just one shot in the second half against the Black and Gold defense.

Svensson's first goal came at the game's 29-minute mark, as the freshman took a pass inside the box from junior Faye Corbett and sent it sailing past Georgia Southwestern goalkeeper Amber Bahri.

The Lady Braves held onto the 1-0 lead going into the half and Svensson quickly earned her second goal of the night just nine minutes into the second period of play. Corbett again sent a cross into the Hurricane's box for Svensson who used one touch to tally her second score.

With a comfortable 2-0 edge, the Lady Braves closed the game out on a final score by freshman Ashley Antcil in the 72nd minute.

Freshman Fanny Forsman sent a corner



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UNCP's Faye Corbett dribbles the ball between the Georgia Southwestern defense. Corbett had two assists in the game.

kick to junior Sheena Mature who redirected the ball to Antcil for the third Lady Braves' score of the night.

In all, nine Lady Braves put up shots in the contest with Forsman and sophomore Britney Joiner leading the way with six apiece.

With their 50 shots, the Black and Gold now lead the conference with 201 shots in 12 games.

UNCP goalkeeper Rea Segoviano had one save in the contest.

With the win, the Black and Gold move to 8-2-1 on the season, with a 3-2-1 record in the

Peach Belt Conference. The win helped the Lady Braves move up to fourth in the conference and the team is now in a position to get a home game in the first round of the Peach Belt Conference tournament.

"We started on Monday ranked sixth in

the conference and, after our game earlier this week [against USC Aiken], we have already moved up to fourth," UNCP women's soccer head coach Lars Andersson said. "I have said all along that in the Peach Belt Conference, historically speaking, to move past the quarterfi-

nals, you have to get a first round game at home. So, for that reason, this game was huge - there were six points on the table for us this week and we nabbed them all."

The Lady Braves will next be in action at home on Oct. 17 to take on the Lander Bearcats.

Men falter at Clayton State

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The Black and Gold men's soccer team's two-game win streak came to a halt on the road Oct. 3, as the Braves fell 3-0 to Clayton State in a Peach Belt Conference matchup.

The Braves failed to score a goal for the first time in four games and managed just four shots on the night while the Lakers lit up UNCP goal keeper Dean Moore with 22 shots.

"We just didn't play well," said UNCP men's soccer head coach Mike Schaeffer. "We couldn't have put a better-looking bow on the gift-wrapped goal that we gave them early on and then they got a soft penalty kick to get a 2-0 lead.

"We had a chance to get back into it with a penalty kick of our own,

but Andy [Pullin] didn't hit the ball very well," Schaeffer said. "We just didn't have any chances after that. They were a much better team than us today."

Opponents first goal

The Lakers first goal of the night came at the game's six minute mark. Clayton State sophomore Alargie Jobe scored his first goal of the season off a Brett Neilson pass in front of the UNCP goal. Jobe headed Neilson's pass past Moore to give the Lakers an early 1-0 edge.

Just 13 minutes later, the Braves were called for a tackling foul inside of their penalty box, giving the Lakers a penalty kick. Sophomore Leighton Fredericks converted the penalty kick to give the Lakers a 2-0 lead heading into the half.

The score remained 2-0 until the 84th minute, when the Lakers' Brian Endres took a shot from the right side of the penalty box that found the back of the net for Clayton State.

The goal was Endres' second of the season and put the Black and Gold into a 3-0 hole that they couldn't recover from.

On the night, Clayton State out shot the Braves 22-4, including a 14-2 edge in the second half.

Despite seeing 22 shots, Moore saved seven to tie his season-high mark.

The Clayton State defense limited the Black and Gold offense to just two shots a half, and Pullin, who registered a hat trick in the Braves' previous two games, was held to just one shot.



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Black and Gold goalkeeper Dean Moore sends a goal kick to the Braves' offensive side of the field.

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